

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~A method Method~~ of establishing a radio link at the interface between a base station (~~I<sub>ub</sub>~~) and an access network controller (~~RNC~~) in a mobile telecommunication network, comprising:

forming a request message for establishing the link by concatenating a message of the control protocol of the radio link and a plurality of messages of the transport protocol on the link;

transmitting the request message ~~the transmission~~ by the access controller ~~of a message requesting establishment of the said link~~ to the said base station; and

receiving ~~the reception of~~ the response message sent back by the said station, ~~the method being characterized in that the said request message is formed by the concatenation of a message of the control protocol of the said radio link (NBAP) and a plurality of messages of the transport protocol (ALCAP) on the said link.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The radio ~~Radio~~ link establishment method according to Claim 1, wherein forming the request message includes forming the request message with ~~characterized in that the request message comprises~~ the number of messages of the said transport control protocol.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The radio ~~Radio~~ link establishment method according to Claim 1, further comprising forming a response message by concatenating ~~characterized in that the said response message is formed by the concatenation of~~ a message of the said radio link control protocol and a plurality of messages of the ~~said~~ transport control protocol.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The radio ~~Radio~~ link establishment method according to Claim 3 ~~one of the preceding claims, wherein~~ characterized in that, the mobile telecommunication network being the UMTS network and the ~~said~~ interface being the Iub interface of the ~~said~~ network, the radio link control protocol is the NBAP protocol and the transport control protocol is the ALCAP protocol.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The radio ~~Radio~~ link establishment method according to Claim 4, wherein forming the request message includes forming the request message with ~~characterized in that the~~ ALCAP protocol messages that ~~included in the request messages~~ are AAL2 connection request messages.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The radio ~~Radio~~ link establishment method according to Claim 4, wherein forming the response message includes forming the response message ~~with~~ ~~characterized in that the messages of the~~ ALCAP protocol messages that ~~included in the response messages~~ are AAL2 connection confirmation messages.